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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-28 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new clarms 29-56 as follows:

29. (New) A food blending container comprising an upper opening for accessing food in the container, a base, a location member upstanding from the base and having an opening at its lower end, a rotatable blending element locatable within the container to extend lengthwise of the container and arranged to lie over and be rotatable relative to the location member, and the element, upon rotation, being arranged to blend food product within the container, the blending

